### Ford Prepared To Beat Navy **Into Flivvers**

take it.
After the conference Mr. Hoover indicated his belief that Secretary Weeks would submit to Congress some definite recommendation regarding Muscle Shoals in the very near future, but he refused to predict just what this recommendation would be. Mr. Ford's is the only private offer that the government has received for the property; hence the question appears to be between this offer and a plan for completing the work by government enterprise. Acres in Jersey Ready To Be Used for Dry Dockage in Scrapping Warcraft, He Explains to Harding

1,000,000 May Get Jobs

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Legions if Muscle Shoals plant Legions if Muscle Shoals
Bid Is Accepted by U. S.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
DETROIT, Nov. 19.—Henry Ford,

ho discussed with the President yes erican war vessels if the arms nent reduction proposal is adopted, correspondent of "The Detroit News" old prophecy of "beating swords into plowshares" by melting battleships into Ford automobiles. He discussed also his plan for converting the Muscle Shoals government nitrate plant into an enterprise that would employ a million men.

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"It will be easy," was the comment of the Detroit manufacturer—the problem of scrapping the battleships, after naval experts to whom Secretary of the Navy Denby had referred him had cautioned him that its difficulties might make the enterprise unprofitable.

"They said the ships were very heavy and cumbersome and that the cost of operating a dry dock during the scrapping process might be far too costly," Mr. Ford continued.

"I told them I would haid my own dry dock and use it to build merchant ships afterward. I would hang a crane over this dry dock and put railroad tracks alongside of it. It is no trick at all to saw up these great ship plates—all of the steel in a ship, in fact—and melt it up into the finest kind of alloy steel.

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"We already have compounded steel in our plant, an inch-thick piece of which required 190,000 pounds pull to break. A similar piece of armor plate steel will withstand only about 60,000

President Harding suggested that could not get the battleships to r plants. I pointed out to him that have an eighty-acre tract on the lew Jersey shore and other sites on he coast available for the job, and hat we have plants in Manchester and lork where this steel could be util-

d. Why, do you know that we picked enough rough steel scrap rails, old trucks and the like on the Deit, Toledo & fronton Railroad to nost pay for it. We melted most it up, although some of the rails shinged up to the upper peninsula use in our logging and mining rations.

per ations.

"I am indeed in earnest about the attleships. If they will turn them ver to us we will put all of the materials in them to good use and we will mploy a whole lot of men tearing hem to pieces in the bargain.

"If you stop huilding battleships and educe the number of ships in operation you will throw a whole lot of men out of jobs. That is the most erious problem that disarmament researts. The governments have got of ind a way to employ these men; that is what I am trying to do also at Muster Shoals—that is, supply a lot of men with useful employment. Muscle hoals, fully developed, will itself put 1,000,000 to work."

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With Herbert Hoover, Mr. Ford and se engineers discussed the details of the Muscle Shoals project. Mr. Hoover ought to persuade Mr. Ford to incease his offer for the property, but ithout success. The one important tange in the proposal was an offer of r. Ford to complete the dams at cost with a government.

Differences Over Estimate

discussion chiefly revolved the variations in estimates of the Ford engineers and the army engineers of the cost of completing the work. The Ford estimate is approximately \$40,000,0000, whereas the government estimates range as high as \$60,000,000. The difference, however, it is agreed, is largely due to variation in prices of materials and labor at the time the two estimates were made.

Mr. Ford proposed to contribute \$28,000,000 of the work. The remaining \$12,000,000 of the cost, as he estimates it, would be made up to the government by the improvement in navigation of the Tennessee River, which the completion of the dam would effect. On three different occasions the army en-

# gineers have approved plans for making the Tennessee navigable for larger vessels at a cost ranging from \$95,500,000 to \$12,000,000, and it is on these estimates that Mr. Ford's plan is based. Mr. Ford believes that he can complete the work with his own organization at much less cost than the government can do it, and it is for this reason that he has offered to undertake it. Briand Calls to See 'M. Charles,' But It Is Chaplin, Not Hughes French Premier's Prolonged Absence From Hotel take it.

400,000 Children in

French Premier's Prolonged Absence From Hotel

Russia Fed by America

"But hurry or we shall be too late

for M. Charles." The elevator door clanged and they were gone. Then some of the more enerprising reporters endeavored to that houses the Department of State, so they did not think it strange.

Anxious Hour for Reporters wells was not there. Neither was Arnold Bennett nor Gabrielle d'Annunzio.

But there were other writers of the justifies the expressions of optimism

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secretary protested that there was no rendezvous, but, shrugging his shoulders, the good nature of the Premier was so great that it might be he would consent. After fifteen minutes all were ushered into the circular chamber with green upholstered furniture that serves the head of the French delegation as a reception room.

"You will tell us about your visit to Secretary Hughes this afternoon, Mr. Premier?"

"Ah, but, no, I did not call on the Secretary of State."

"But you went out?"

"Yes, yes. I went out for a walk."

"And did not see Mr. Hughes?" It is not becoming to grow impatient with

the Premier of France, but this was a trying situation.

"No, no, no. We walked, the Admiral and I. We went to a cinema, a movie. We saw Charlie Chaplin. Any other question, gentiemen?"

"Thank you, Mr. Premier, we have no others to-day."

"How can you say 'no' to science?" ask the French. "If a capital ship is sunk by a submarine, what then? It is war. War is war. How are these rules to be enforced when they are made?"

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made?"
"How are mines to be controlled?"
they add. "Many nations had subscribed to an agreement prohibiting
the use of poison gas, but they did not
reckon with Germany. Science will
get busy as soon as the diplomats go
home. War is not so easily banished
from the earth."

With this talk of wars to come there
was mingled to-day a few references

was mingled to-day a few references to the last one. M. Briand, for example, made more clear his view with regard to France's war debts to the United

have time to pay? We should not be hurried."

Although the French cling to a certain amount of cynicism in referring to the conference as a panacea for war, there is none of that in the expressions of the British statesmen be the slightest doubt as to France's position on naval limitation, and that moral, if not material, benefits can come to France as a result.

In both official and unofficial circles there was eager anticipation to-day of

Briand Calls to See 'M. Charles,'
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Trench Premier's Prolonged Absence From Hotel
Stirs Reporters Until He Explains He Has Been
at Picture Show, Not State Department

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France Expects Briand To Impress Conference

Full Presentation by Premier of Difficulties That the Nation Faces Is Anticipated

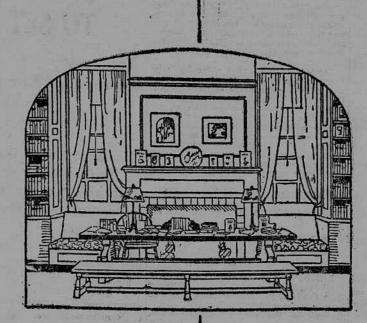
Special Cable to The Tribune Copyright, 1921, New York Tribune Inc. PARIS, Nov. 19.—The eyes of France ill turn more than ever toward the France's case before the world. It is "This indebtedness was contracted in the furtherance of a common purpose," he said. "Should we, therefore, not have time to pay? We should not be the slightest doubt as to France's

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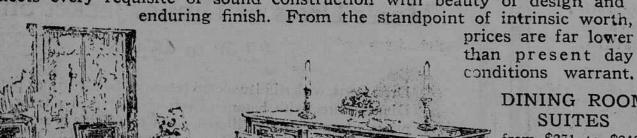
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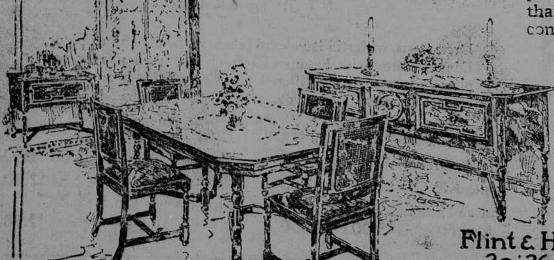
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